

St.Margaret's Cemetery
Annual Report 2011
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There were three interments of cremated remains in 2011 and no interment of remains in the burial sites.

Sales of cremation plots were equal to \$400.00; additional site preparation income amounted to \$100.00. There were no sales of burial plots in 2011.

Interest on investments equalled \$98.00.

Other income included donations of \$75.00 and \$290.00 from the sale of the book: Lives Behind the Headstones.

Ground maintenance and sundry (including office and printing) costs equalled \$159.00 plot preparation costs \$150.00 and \$415.00 was paid towards half of TIRRA's liability insurance.

St.Margaret's overall financial situation for 2011 was as follows: the year began with \$30,478.00: excess revenue over expenses for the year was \$242.00; money in the bank plus interest and additional assets totalled \$30,720.00. The year ended with a capital of \$30,720.00.

This has been a productive year for St.Margaret's Cemetery. We have expanded the present number of cremation burial plots by 89. This was achieved by expanding Block E by 40 plots and by creating a new block abutting Block D named Block G .This block (Block G) is comprised of 49 plots. We have also added a third row of plots for the burial of remains. This adds on an another 21 burial sites . This row abuts Block C and is named C2. These additions were made in order to provide space for the future in terms of conventional burial plots.

Glen Andison is presently working on redrawing the cemetery map.

A complete census of the reserved burial and cremation sites was done and all records are up to date in terms of addresses and contact numbers.

Janice Young, Simone Luckham and myself paid a visit to Royal Oak Cemetery in Victoria in the fall of 2011. This was an investigative trip in order to learn about the method and practises of green cemeteries. Royal Oak is a national first in this regard. This excursion was a foray into the possible development of our new area as a Green Burial site. Janice Young and myself also attended a Threshold Celebration at the Eco Village in Cowichan. Our intention was to familiarize ourselves with the ideas around new approaches to hospice care and facilitating death and burial.

Many thanks to the volunteers in maintenance and yearly cleanup for all their efforts in keeping the cemetery looking nice. . Maintenance in the cemetery has been consistent and attentive.

The new culverts installed in 2010 and 2011 are functioning well diverting huge amounts of water directly down onto the beach thus averting some of the erosion of the bank which had been taking place.

We are in the process of creating a garden bed between two groups of trees. This is being done to prevent walkers from leaving the path and cutting through this area thus saving grass degradation etc.

Special thanks to Keith Rush who kindly took down some dead limbs on the Arbutus tree in the cemetery which were a danger. And thanks to Jean Tannahill, Rosemary Boehringer and the McIntosh family for their contributions to the beautification of the cemetery.

And great appreciation goes out to the cemetery board members Simone Luckham, Janice Young, Sheila Kelsey and Don Hunter for their continued support.

St.Margaret's is managed by a Cemetery Board in compliance with the provincial Cremation, Interment and funeral Services Act and remains under the auspices of TIRRA.

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